

NATIONAL CAPITAL AFFAIRS

Children Who Insist on Being Real Americans

WASHINGTON.—While the new "Americanization day" idea, for instilling the spirit and ideals of the United States into naturalized citizens, will undoubtedly appeal to many in Washington, a large number of the foreign-born of the city are already devoting much time and thought to becoming real Americans. Particularly is this true of the younger generation, which has no doubt suffered from appellations affixed to them by children born in this country because of their foreign descent.

The foreign-born children are "all Americans," despite their foreign origin. It is doubtful if the much-discussed hyphen will ever be attached to them. An incident which recently happened when a teacher of a kindergarten had her pupils out for a walk may give an understanding of this spirit. A woman approached the party and, pointing to a bright-looking boy near the teacher, asked his nationality.

"He is Russian," replied the teacher. "No, I am not," quickly retorted the five-year-old; "I am American." "I did not mean you were Russian," explained the teacher. "I meant that your mother and father are Russians."

"No, they are not, either. They are Americans, too," came back the answer, quickly. Another incident may serve to show the diligence with which the foreign born are seeking to become "true Americans." A reporter in search of children who, he had heard, could speak three, four or five languages went to one of the schools.

The teacher in charge called to one of the pupils known to speak a number of languages: "Annie, can't you say something in your native language?" she asked the child. Annie immediately became bashful and refused to say anything.

"What language do you speak?" the child was asked. "I speak English," she answered. "Yes, here at school. But what do you speak at home? What do mother and father speak?"

"Oh, they speak English, too," came back quickly. "They want to be American."

United States' Crusade Against Weight Frauds

AMERICAN consumers of print butter are paying more than \$8,000,000 each year for butter they do not get. This is because the weights of the commodity they actually receive are materially less than those they are supposed to be buying. Consumers of bulk butter that is weighed out over the counter are paying other real millions for imaginary fat that can never be cut with a knife or spread on a slice of bread. And buyers of potatoes, sugar, flour, meat, milk and all other foodstuffs that go to make up the American dietary are contributing additional millions, in the aggregate, for things that they never receive. In the virile language of the street, the American consumer is being flim-flammed and short-weighted; and in a large percentage of cases he—or usually she—is wholly ignorant of the fact.

It is because of the conditions of affairs of which these things are only samples that the division of weights and measures of the bureau of standards has directed many of its activities in recent years toward securing the enactment of better weights and measure laws by the federal government and the several states, and toward bringing about stricter enforcement of existing laws. Recognizing that the education of the consumer is a necessary prerequisite to better conditions the department has prepared a bulletin on household measurements that will be a popular treatise on the subject and which will put information in the hands of the housekeeper that can be made of the greatest usefulness and money value.

Much of the space of the bulletin is devoted to the important topic of measurements in the purchase of commodities and to the weights and measures laws of the various states. The needs of both the urban and rural consumer are met, for the discussion is comprehensive enough to cover the field from the checking of the weights of the butcher and ice man to the computation of the cordage of wood and the capacity of silos.

Training Good Cooks for Uncle Sam's Soldiers

OF late years—since 1906—the United States army has been no longer a mass of men who simply got food. They are now scientifically fed by men who have studied the subject, and in a practical way by presiding over ovens and stoves in schools. There are six training schools for army cooks, one being in each division of the country—San Francisco, Fort Riley, San Antonio, Philippine Islands, Hawaii and in Washington. Soldiers who wish to take a course are allowed to enter for four months' study and at the end of that time the proficient ones are graduated.

The course consists of a thorough training in actual cooking and baking. The men are taught how to select good meat, the chemistry of food values, the testing of foodstuffs, the nutritive elements in vegetables and the chemistry of bread-baking.

In the big, sweet-smelling bakery at the Washington barracks there are to be seen every morning about a dozen husky fellows—for they take their lessons by small details—all engaged in mashing the dough in working machines, poking it into the huge oven or fishing it out at the end of a long wooden pole. As they bake the bread for the entire post, they use each day about two barrels of flour. The bread is delicious and fashioned of the purest ingredients.

The barracks kitchen is used for the preparation of most of the food, but there is also outside a "field kitchen," in which the cooking is virtually done in the open. The place is a simple shed, open all around, except that the sides are protected by wire screening. There are taught lessons in how to prepare an appetizing meal with the thermometer below zero or rising toward the top of the glass tube.

Experiments at the Government's Chicken Farm

THERE'S a sixty-acre poultry farm thirty minutes' ride from Washington, and beyond all doubt the work which is being done there would throw light upon at least one of the many problems which arise constantly to "stump" the chicken fancier, be he amateur or professional.

Whenever a local breeder of feathered stock is puzzled by a question of feeding, breeding or housing; whenever he is uncertain as to what strain of chickens had better be specialized upon to meet his particular need; whenever he would like to know how an expert would go about handling fowls with nothing more than the equipment expected of an ordinary, privately owned farm, it will pay him to look over this particular establishment. He will be more than welcome, for, you see, the farm in question belongs to Uncle Sam and is part of the Beltville, Md., bureau of animal industry station.

In fact, the men who are running the big poultry establishment desire above all things to have chicken fanciers and breeders visit them and see the work they are doing. Collateral with the feeding, housing and breeding problems of ordinary poultry production, the Beltville farm at present is the scene of a good many investigations which, when completed, are unquestionably destined to be of intense interest to the poultry dealer. One of them deals with an attempt to control the color of the yolks of eggs. Another is designed to disclose the ingredients of a ration based on staples easily obtained in any part of the country, which will produce the highest number of eggs possible.

Why Men Don't Wed.
Our fair young friend Chlorinda says the failure of some women to get married may be attributed to the fact that they don't stop talking long enough to give a man a chance to propose.—New Orleans States.

But They Don't Remember.
"Mebbe," said Uncle Eben, "everybody could remember dat every body suffers 'um do heat same as everybody else, a hot wave wouldn't be do signal for everybody to make hieself more or less disagreeable."

THE EUROPEAN WAR A YEAR AGO THIS WEEK

Aug. 30, 1914.

Germans captured Amiens, France.

Germans advanced in line from Amiens to Laon, forcing back the French left.

Bombs dropped on Paris from German aeroplane.

Japanese troops landed near Kiaochow.

Preparations made to defend Paris against siege.

Russians bombarded Thorn and Graudenz.

Aug. 31, 1914.

General von Hindenburg, after three days' combat, vanquished the Russian invaders in the Masurian lakes region.

Belgium made official reply to Austria's declaration of war.

Japanese occupied two islands. Attempt made to wreck troop train near Montreal.

Sept. 1, 1914.

Affiliated left wing fell back in northern France.

Germans reached Compiègne, 40 miles from Paris.

Germans took many Russian prisoners in East Prussia.

Turkish army mobilized.

More bombs dropped on Paris from aeroplanes and on Antwerp from Zeppelins.

Name of St. Petersburg changed to Petrograd.

Sept. 2, 1914.

Government of France transferred to Bordeaux.

Germans reached Criel, near Chantilly, and then turned away from Paris.

German and French aeroplanes fought above Paris.

Russians captured Lemberg, capital of Galicia.

Lodz, Poland, taken by Germans and Austrians.

Montenegro defeated Austrians near Bilek.

Sept. 3, 1914.

Martial law proclaimed in Paris.

Serbia defeated Austrians at Jadar.

Germans approached the valley of the Marne, and took La Fere.

Prince of Wied left Albania.

Russians took Czernowitz, capital of Bukovina.

China protested violation of her neutrality by Japan.

Sept. 4, 1914.

Germans crossed the Marne and attacked the French center.

Severe fighting between Alost and Termonde, Belgium.

British cruiser sank Austrian steamer Bathori in bay of Biscay.

British gunboat Speedy sunk by mine in North sea.

U. S. S. Tennessee took American refugees across channel and U. S. S. North Carolina sailed for Smyrna.

General Bobrinsky appointed Russian governor of Galicia.

GERMAN SOAP FROM SUGAR

Discovery That Promises to Be of Immense Importance to Country in the Midst of War.

The discovery is announced of a method of manufacture of soap from sugar, of which Germany has plenty. Instead of from oil, which is scarce, the past it has been possible to use sugar only in soaps that had little value. By the new method, it is claimed, the soap produced is not only fine and delicate, but it acts as efficiently in salt water as in fresh—a fact that may make the soap valuable for the navy.

Articles that formerly had to be sent to chemical laundries can now be washed with the new kind of soap. The finest kinds of silks, it is alleged, not only are not harmed by it, but their colors are brought out brilliantly and as new. In addition, the sugar soap seems to be responsible for a minimum of the wear and tear occasioned by old-fashioned cleansing soaps.

Hieroglyphics.
"You seem interested in that Egyptian obelisk."

"I am," said the man with the faint grin. "There's no doubt that the pictures are funny. But the artist ought to have put in some reading to show what they're about."

Heat Oranges Before Peeling.
Before peeling oranges, set them in the oven to heat for a few minutes and you will find that the tough white skin can be easily removed with the yellow rind. This makes the oranges much safer to give to children.

Curb on Swiss Legislators.
In Switzerland, on the demand of 50,000 voters, or of eight cantons, any law passed by the federal parliament must be submitted to the general body of the people for acceptance or rejection.

POINTED PARAGRAPHS

The wise man has doubts, but the fool is always positive.

Most of us have loose purse strings—when the purse is empty.

The easier a man takes things the easier it is for him to let them slide.

When a man starts on the downward path he seldom buys a return ticket.

WOMEN WHO ARE ALWAYS TIRED

May Find Help in This Letter.

Swan Creek, Mich.—"I cannot speak too highly of your medicine. When through neglect or overwork I get run down and my appetite is poor and I have that weak, languid, always tired feeling, I get a bottle of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, and it builds me up, gives me strength, and restores me to perfect health again. It is truly a great blessing to women, and I cannot speak too highly of it. I take pleasure in recommending it to others."—Mrs. ANNIE CAMERON, R.F.D., No. 1, Swan Creek, Michigan.

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ADVICE TO THE AGED

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Taking the Doctor's Orders.

A country doctor up north, walking out one day with a Highlander who boasted he was a staunch teetotaler, resolved to put him to the test.

Passing a hotel, he asked him in and ordered two glasses of whisky. After they had "shifted" these, and two or three more at the doctor's expense, his friends began to get a wee bit "glib o' the gab."

The doctor then, feeling he had him, bluntly asked: "How does this square wi' your teetotal pretensions?"

"Weel," quoth John with a quiet smile, "though I'm a staunch teetotaler, I'd be a fool to refuse what the doctor orders."

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Making Him Feel at Home.

"We are to entertain a distinguished Russian visitor this evening. What can I do to make him feel perfectly at home?"

"I don't know, unless when it comes time for him to go you let him out by the back door and wish him a safe retreat."

Highly So.

"That trust magnate is dangerous." "How do you mean?"

"Isn't he a copper head?"

SOME HINTS FOR BUILDERS

Great Care Should Be Taken in Selection of the Most Substantial Roofing Material.

If you were without preparation or plan, rudely placed in a wilderness, your first thought would be of food supply and your next of shelter; for these are the two most vital necessities of mankind. It is therefore natural that the best thought, and study are put upon these two essentials.

More forward steps have been taken in the building industry in the past fifteen years, as regards comfort, service and architectural beauty than in the fifty years previous.

Only in recent years has the handling of cement in building work been understood properly, and progress is still constantly being made with it. Modern hotels and office buildings are being equipped with sheet metal moldings and steel veneered doors. Nearly every important change in building construction is away from the fire hazard of wood.

One of the most significant developments of recent years is the crushed slate surfaced asphalt shingle which is, on new construction and old, rapidly supplanting the wooden article. There are many reasons for this. The slate surfaced shingles add beauty to any building—in fact, there is really no comparison from an architectural standpoint. Crushed slate of pleasing tints of red or green, is employed as a surfacing. The shingles are uniformly eight inches wide and are exposed four inches to the weather. No painting is necessary as the red or green crushed slate is natural and therefore cannot fade.

The purchaser, however, should guard himself against buying a slate surfaced shingle that is not guaranteed by a reliable and responsible manufacturer. There are so many kinds of roofing and shingles on the market today each claiming to be the best that it becomes necessary for the buyer to get some satisfactory assurance that the roofing or shingles are represented honestly.

WCN HONOR WITH THE FIST

Some British Soldiers Who Have Earned the Victoria Cross by the Use of Their Bare Hands.

Skill in fist-cuffs has several times won the Victoria Cross. At Inkerman, for instance, Capt. Hugh Rowlands saved his commanding officer, Colonel Hay, by a straight left-hander. Hay was wounded and lying on the ground, with a gigantic Russian standing over him and about to plunge a bayonet to his heart, when Rowlands, who had lost his sword, smashed the Russian with his left hand, knocking the man unconscious. Rowlands got the V. C. At Jermun, in India, during the Indian mutiny, Gen. James Blair, whose sword had been broken off at the hilt and who had no other weapon, dashed into a crowd of armed mutineers and knocked five of them down with his fists in a few seconds. The Victoria Cross also went to him.

Another officer whose sword broke at the handle while in action was Admiral "Tug" Wilson, who, at El Teb, bowled over six Arabs with his fists. He not only won the V. C. but also his nickname, being called "Tug" Wilson after an English boxer who fought that time had gained brief notoriety by fighting John L. Sullivan, the heavy-weight champion boxer of the world.

FACT TO BE CONSIDERED

Evidence That It Makes a Great Deal of Difference as to Where a Person Lives.

Joseph E. Widener, the millionaire sportsman, was talking in Newport about homes.

"Philadelphia is the city of homes," he said, "but if your home is north of Market street you are considered, socially speaking, out of it. Your home must be south of Market street—you must live downtown—if you would be a social personality in Philadelphia."

"And yet, after all," said an Englishman, "what difference does it make where a man lives?"

"It makes all the difference in the world," said Mr. Widener. "A fact that is well remembered about Diogenes today is that he lived in a tub."

—Philadelphia Telegraph.

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Its Kind.

"I have a good fire story here." "That's hot stuff."—Baltimore American.

Love laughs at locksmiths, so it's no wonder wedlock sometimes arouses his mirth.

The General Says:

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Uncle Eph Had Not Considered Just What His Assertion Meant to His Pending Case.

Uncle Eph, an old colored man, was up in court, accused of stealing a watch. He pleaded not guilty, and, moreover, brought against the complainant a counter-charge of assault. The man, he declared, had tried to kill him with an iron kettle.

During the cross-examination the attorney, Lawyer Bennett, demanded, "Dare you say that my client attacked you with an iron kettle?"

"Dat what he done, sah," replied Uncle Eph, with a nervous gulp.

"With an iron kettle, eh?" sarcastically reiterated the lawyer. "That's a fine story for a big, strong fellow like you to try to impose upon this honorable court! And had you nothing with which to defend yourself?"

"Only de watch, sah," was the unwary reply; "but what's a watch again an iron kettle, sah?"—Harper's Magazine.

An Illinois Case

Every Philistine has a story. Mrs. Mary E. Sawyer, of St. Louis, Mo., says: "A heavy cold on my kidneys brought on a pain and soreness in my back. Mornings, I was stiff and felt tired and languid. I had dizzy spells and the kidney secretions troubled me. Doan's Kidney Pills did me of all these ailments and the cure has lasted."

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